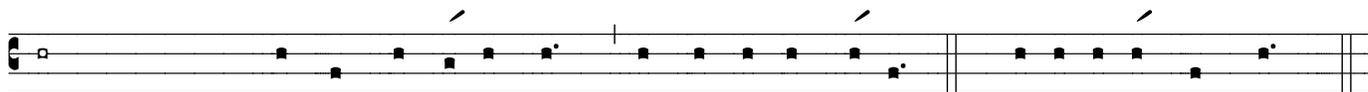
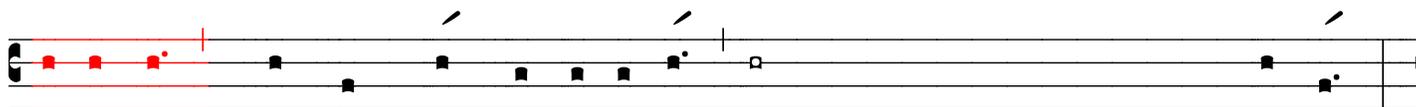


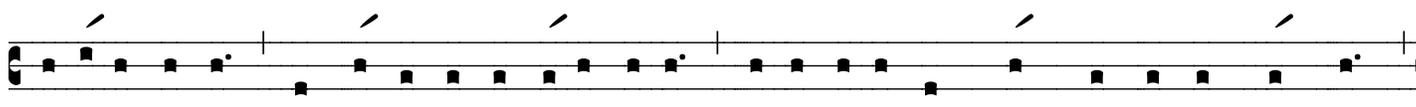
Epiphany 7 A RCL
(Matthew 5:38-48 NRSV)



∇ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Je-sus Christ ac-cord-ing to Matt-hew. Ɀ *Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ.*



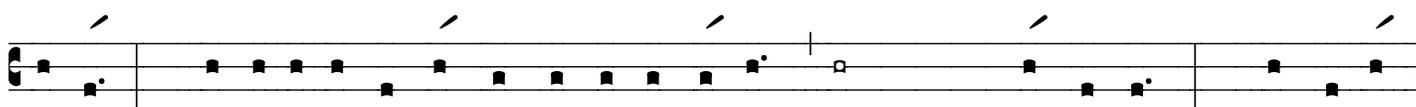
[Je-sus said:] “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ 39



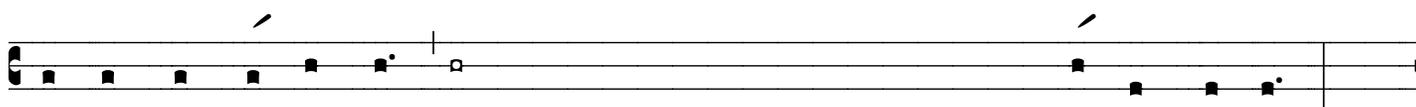
But I say to you, Do not re-sist an e-vil-do-er. But if an-y-one strikes you on the right cheek,



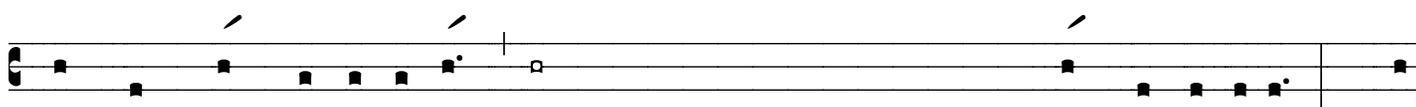
turn the oth-er al- so; 40 and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak



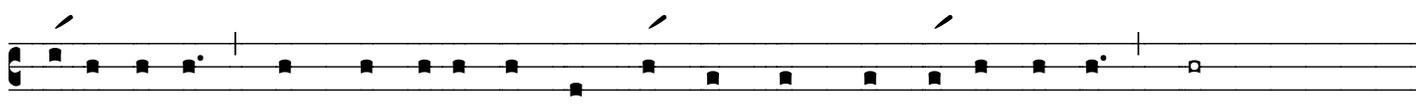
as well; 41 and if an-y-one for-ces you to go one mile, go also the sec-ond mile. 42 Give to ev-



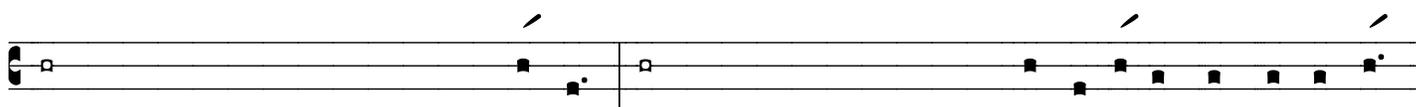
’ry-one who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to bor-row from you. ¶ 43



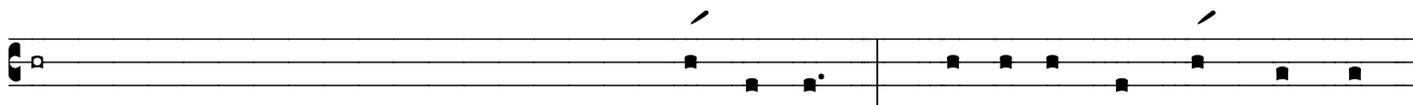
“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your en-e-my.’ 44 But



I say to you, Love your en-e-mies and pray for those who per-se-cute you, 45 so that you may



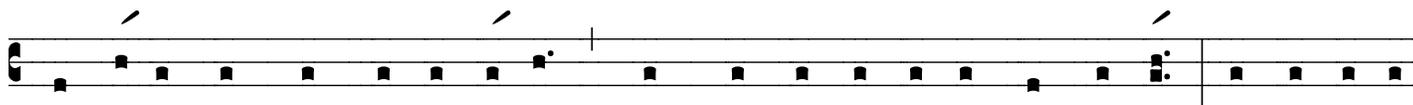
be children of your Father in heav-en; for he makes his sun rise on the e-vil and on the good,



and sends rain on the righteous and on the un-right-eous. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love



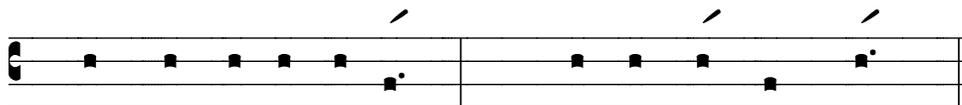
you, what re-ward do you have? Do not e-ven the tax col-lect-ors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you



greet on-ly your broth-ers and sis- ters, what more are you do-ing than oth-ers? Do not e-ven



the Gen-tiles do the same? ⁴⁸ Be per-fect, there-fore, as your heav-en-ly Fa-ther is per-fect.



✠ The Gos-pel of the Lord. ✠ *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*